



YES, YOU'LL WANT  
TO CUT ME OUT!

## CURBSIDE RECYCLING GUIDELINES

# What to put in... What to leave out!

### Mixed Recycling

# IN OUT

#### PAPER & CARDBOARD

- Newspapers • Magazines
- Phone books • Opened junk mail
- Office paper • Cereal and shoe boxes
- Shredded paper • Milk, juice, soup cartons (rinsed and drained)
- Flatten cardboard boxes

- Paper with food on it (such as pizza boxes) • Plastic or foil-coated paper
- Paper with "wet strength" (such as frozen food boxes, coffee cups, paper plates)
- Napkins • Paper towels and tissues

#### PLASTICS

- Rinse all containers*
- Plastic bottles and tubs (6 ounces or larger) • Buckets (5 gallons or smaller)

- Plastic bags • Lids • Clamshell (to-go) containers • Flatware • Cups • Bottles that have come in contact with motor oil, pesticides or herbicides • Styrofoam

#### SCRAP METAL

- Rinse all containers, place metal lids inside cans and crimp closed.*
- Scrap metal smaller than 30 inches in all directions and less than 30 pounds
  - Metal cans • Foil • Pie plates • Trays
  - Empty aerosol cans

- Metal that has plastic, food, or other non-metal materials attached
- Sharp metal such as knives, razors
- Anything too large to fit in roll cart

#### GLASS

RECYCLE SEPARATELY IN YOUR CURBSIDE BIN

- Rinse all containers*
- Bottles and jars (recycle separately in your yellow curbside bin)

- Glass shards • Plates • Glassware
- Cookware • Vases • Lightbulbs
- Mirrors • Picture frames
- Window glass • Caps or lids

#### MOTOR OIL

*Residents should put oil in transparent jugs and place at the curb for pickup by haulers.*

*Apartment residents need special pickup. Call Metro at 503-234-3000.*

#### RECYCLE YOUR HOLIDAY SPIRIT: MORE TIPS FROM METRO

**CHRISTMAS TREES:** Cut trees and greenery into lengths that fit easily in your yard debris roll cart – the lid needs to be closed.

**OLD HOLIDAY LIGHTS:** Making

the switch to energy-saving LEDs? Throughout its winter ZooLights festival, the Oregon Zoo is collecting old incandescent lights for recycling or visit Metro for closer options.

**OLD ELECTRONICS:** Oregon E-Cycles, a statewide program that collects computers, monitors and

televisions for recycling, makes it even easier to keep recyclable materials out of the landfill. For free recycling locations call 1-888-5-ECYCLE.

**WRAPPING PAPER, CARDS, BOXES:** Make sure that only 100 percent paper is recycled in curbside carts. Tissue and wrapping paper with

foil, plastic coating and glitter contaminate the recycling and should not be put in recycle bins.

**SEE MORE AT:**  
[www.oregonmetro.gov/](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/)

**OR CALL:**  
Metro Recycling Information  
at 503-234-3000.

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